GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

A B S T R A C T

Public Services – Agriculture & Cooperation Department – ACB (Trap) Case – Smt. Jukunta Sasi Bindu, formerly Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Pamarru, Krishna District and presently working as Assistant Director of Agriculture (FCO Lab), Tadepalligudem, West Godavari District – Trapped by ACB authorities, when demanded and accepted bribe amount of Rs.5,000/- – Initiation of disciplinary proceedings under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Articles of charge – Issued.

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AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 366 **Dated : 09/06/2022**

Read the following:

1. Radio Message Received at 4.25 pm on 10.04.2017 from Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada.
2. Pro.No.Vig.I (1)51/2017, dt.17.04.2017 of the Director of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
3. From the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada, Letter Rc.No.57/RCT-VKI/2017-S.9, dt.05.05.2017.
4. Govt. Memo.No.30021/16/2017 (Vig.I).2017, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.17.05.2017.
5. Representation dt.30.10.2017 of Smt. Jukunta Sasi Bindu, formerly Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Pamarru, Krishna District
6. From the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada, Letter Rc.No.57/RCT-VKI/2017-S.9, dt.14.05.2018.
7. Govt. Memo.No.30021/16/2017 (Vig.I).2017, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.22.05.2018.
8. G.O.Rt.No.422, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.12.06.2018.
9. From the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada, Letter Rc.No.57/RCT-VKI/2017-S.9, dt.15.06.2020.
10. Govt. Memo.No.AGST-30021/16/2017, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.05.11.2020 & 24.03.2021.
11. From the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada, Letter Rc.No.57/RCT-VKI/2017-S.9, dt.15.09.2021.
12. Govt. Memo.No.AGST-30021/16/2017, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.23.11.2021 & Reminder dt.16.03.2022.
13. From the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada, Letter C.No.57/RCT-VKI/2017-S9 dt.31.05.2022.

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It is proposed to hold an enquiry against the Smt. Jukunta Sasi Bindu, formerly Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Pamarru, Krishna District and presently working as Assistant Director of Agriculture (FCO Lab), Tadepalligudem, West Godavari District, in accordance with procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or mis-behaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Article of Charges (Annexure-I). Statement of imputation of misconduct or misbehaviour on which action is proposed to be taken against her as Annexure-II, a list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom the Article of Charge is proposed to be sustained are also enclosed as Annexure-III and IV.

3. Smt. Jukunta Sasi Bindu, formerly Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Pamarru, Krishna District and presently working as Assistant Director of Agriculture (FCO Lab), Tadepalligudem, West Godavari District, is directed to submit a written statement of defence within (10) days of the receipt of this order.

4. Smt. Jukunta Sasi Bindu, formerly Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Pamarru, Krishna District and presently working as Assistant Director of Agriculture (FCO Lab), Tadepalligudem, West Godavari District, is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. She should therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

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5. Smt. Jukunta Sasi Bindu, formerly Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Pamarru, Krishna District and presently working as Assistant Director of Agriculture (FCO Lab), Tadepalligudem, West Godavari District, is further informed that if she does not submit her written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para-3 above, or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiry Authority may hold the inquiry against her exparte.

6. Attention of Smt. Jukunta Sasi Bindu, formerly Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Pamarru, Krishna District and presently working as Assistant Director of Agriculture (FCO Lab), Tadepalligudem, West Godavari District, is invited to rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further her interest in respect of matters pertaining to her service under the Government. If any representation is received on her behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Smt. Jukunta Sasi Bindu, formerly Assistant Director of Agriculture (R), Pamarru, Krishna District and presently working as Assistant Director of Agriculture (FCO Lab), Tadepalligudem, West Godavari District, is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at her instance and action will be taken against her for violation of rule 24 of the A. P. Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this G.O. shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

POONAM MALAKONDAIAH
CHIEF COMMISSIONER, RBKs &
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:

Smt. Jukunta Sasi Bindu, Assistant Director of Agriculture (FCO Lab),
Tadepalligudem, West Godavari District
(Through the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur)

Copy to:

The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.(With a request to serve the original G.O. on the Charged Officer and obtain her dated acknowledgement on the Xerox copy and furnish the same along with her Written Statement of Defense (WSD) to the Government)

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// FORWARDED BY ORDER//

K. Sampath Kumar

SECTION OFFICER

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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. JUKUNTA SASI BINDU, FORMERLY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (R), PAMARRU, KRISHNA DISTRICT AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (FCO LAB), TADEPALLIGUDEM, WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT

That Smt. Jukunta Sasi Bindu, W/o Munukoti Satyanarayana, 51 years, Asst. Director Of Agriculture (Regular), Pamarru, Krishna District (herein after referred as Government Servant) while functioning as such during the period between 28.11.2014 to 06.04.2017 committed grave misconduct in as much as:

Article of Charge:

That the Government servant in misuse of her official position demanded and accepted bribe amount of Rs.5,000/- from Sri Tammana Jagadeesh Kumar , S/o Durga Vara Prasad, 33 years, R/o Chowdary peta, Pamarru, Krishna District, as illegal gratification other than legal remuneration as a motive or reward for showing the official favour i.e.to recommend and forward the Pesticide Licence Renewal file of M/s Krishna Veni, Seeds and Fertilizes, Pamarru, to J.D., Agriculture, Machilipatnam, Krishna District.

Thus, Jukunta Sasi Bindu, W/o Munukoti Satyanarayana, 51 years, Asst. Director of Agriculture (Regular), Pamarru, Krishna District by her above mentioned acts exhibited lack of devotion to duty, failed to maintain integrity, behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Govt. servant and brought down the prestiege of the Government and there by violated / contravened Rule 3 (1) & (2) of APCS (conduct) Rules, 1964.

Sd/- Dr.Poonam Malakondaiah
CHIEF COMMISSIONER, RBKs &
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. JUKUNTA SASI BINDU, FORMERLY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (R), PAMARRU, KRISHNA DISTRICT AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (FCO LAB), TADEPALLIGUDEM, WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT

Smt Jukunta Sasi Bindu, W/o Munukoti Satyanarayana, 51 years, Asst. Director of Agriculture (Regular), Pamarru, Krishna District. She was joined in Government service as Agriculture Officer, STL Samarlakota, EG Godavari District on 14-02-1996. Subsequently she was promoted and posted as Assistant Director of Agriculture (Regular) Kothepeta E.G District on 08.08.2009. Later she was transferred and Posted as Asst. Director of Agriculture (Regular), Pamarru, Krishna District on 28.11.2014. Her basic pay is of Rs. 67,990/- in the Time Scale of Rs.42,400 - 96,110. She is due to retire on attaining the age of Superannuation on 30-06-2030. She is here after referred to as Government Servant (G.S.).

Charge:

That the Government servant in misuse of her official position demanded and accepted bribe amount of Rs.5,000/- from Sri Tammana Jagadeesh Kumar, S/o Durga Vara Prasad, 33 years, R/o Chowdary peta, Pamarru, Krishna District, as illegal gratification other than legal remuneration as a motive or reward for showing the official favour i.e. to recommend and forward the Pesticide Licence Renewal file of M/s Krishnaveni, Seeds and Fertilizes, Pamarru, to J.D., Agriculture, Machilipatnam, Krishna District.

Facts and Evidence:

That on 04.04.2017 Sri Tammana Jagadeesh Kumar, S/o Durga Vara Prasad, 33 years, R/o Chowdary peta, Pamarru, Krishna District, came to the office of the DSP, ACB, Vijayawada and presented a written complaint stating that the Government Servant, Smt. Jukunta Sasi Bindu, W/o Munukoti Satyanarayana, 51 years, Asst. Director of Agriculture (Regular), Pamarru, Krishna District demanded him to pay a bribe amount of Rs. 5,000/- for showing official favour i.e. to recommend and forward the Pesticide Licence Renewal file of M/s Krishnaveni, Seeds and Fertilizes, Pamarru, to J.D., Agriculture, Machilipatnam, Krishna District.

The complainant Sri Tammana Jagadesh Kumar is running a fertilizers shop in his mother's name Smt. Krishnaveni, in the name and style of M/s Krishna Veni Seeds & Fertilizers, Pamarru, at D. No. 24-4/9. He is looking after the business transactions of the above said shop. The license of the shop vide No. PL.No.22-13/14 has to be renewed for two years. The licence of shop was expired on 31-12-2016 and he applied for renewal of license to the Joint Director, Agriculture, Machilipatnam through Agriculture officer, Pamarru and the Agriculture officer, Pamarru recommended and forwarded the license renewal file to Asst. Director of Agriculture, Pamarru on 30-03-2017. But the A.D.A, Pamarru Smt. Sasi Bindu (G.S.) kept the file with her without forwarding it to J.D., Agriculture, Machilipatnam. On 03-04-2017 the complainant met the A.D.A and asked her that the renewal of license was delayed and requested to forward the same to J.D. Agriculture, Machilipatnam with favorable recommendation. On that she demanded Rs. 5,000/- as bribe to forward the license renewal file of his mother to the O/o JD. Agriculture with favourable recommendations. Even after his repeated requests she reiterated her demand and harshly informed unless he paid the demanded bribe amount of Rs.5,000/- she would not send the license renewal file to O/o JD. Agriculture. As there is no other goes, the complainant reluctantly agreed to pay the bribe amount and came back. She also asked to pay the bribe amount in her office on the next day or on Thursday evening i.e. 06-04-2017 as the day after the next day was holiday. As he is not willing to pay the bribe amount of Rs.5,000/- to A.D.A he submitted a report on 04-04-2017 to the A.C.B. and requested to take necessary action against A.D.A, Pamarru Smt. Sasi Bindu (G.S.) who was demanding Rs. 5,000/- as bribe to recommend and forward the Pesticide license renewal file of M/s. Krishna Veni, Seeds and Fertilizer, Pamarru.

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That after observing all legal formalities, the DSP, ACB, Vijayawada registered the complaint of the complainant as a case in Cr. No. 05/RCT-VKI/2017 under sections 7 of The Prevention Of Corruption Act 1988 on 06.04.2017 at 14.15 hours and took up investigation.

On 06.04.2017, the DSP, ACB, Vijayawada secured the presence of two respectable mediators viz. 1) Sri Machiraju Udaya Bhaskara Rao, S/o M.V.R.S.Sharma, 51 Years, Deputy Tahsidlar, EPIC, O/o Tahsildar, Penamaluru, R/o 74-24-14/Q, Yarlagadda Apparao Street, Ashok Nagar, Vijayawada 9490148907. 2) Sri Nadikuda Aravind, S/o Shankaraiah, 43 Years Sr. Asst., O/o Tahsildar, Penamaluru, R/o 57-6-712, F-3, Srivenkateswara Nilayam, Old Post office Road, Patamata, Vijayawada 8179641641 and secured the presence of the complainant.

The DSP, ACB Vijayawada conducted pre-trap proceedings from 14.45 hours to 15.30 hours which was, reduced into writing by the mediators as pre-trap proceedings incorporating the serial numbers of the currency notes, the demonstration of chemical tests and the instructions issued to the complainant and the other members of the trap party.

On 06.04.2017 at17.30 hours, the Government Servant was successfully trapped by the ACB officials when she further demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs. 5,000/- from the complainant for showing the above said official favor the complainant entered into the office of AD and within few minutes came back to DSP and stated that the AD went to Senior Citizen pensioners office situated opposite to O/o AD to attend a meeting regarding Aadhar Enabled Fertilizers Distribution System (ADFDS) with the fertilizers dealers of Pamarru sub-division i.e., Pamarru & Gudlavalleru Mandals of Krishna District. The DSP instructed the complainant to wait at the O/o AD till she returns to her office and give the bribe amount to her further demand only but not otherwise. At about 5.15 PM the complainant went near the office of AD and waiting nearby office. At about 5.20 PM the Trap party noticed a women aged about 45 years entering in to the office room of AD, Agriculture from pensioner's hall. The complainant followed her in to the AD office and after some time i.e., at about 5.25 PM the complainant came out and gave pre-arranged signal to the Inspector ACB. The chemical test was conducted on both the hand fingers of the Government servant yielded positive result the tainted amount that was received from the complainant. Then the AO took out an attendance register from an Iron safe which was situated on her right side i.e., south western side and took out some currency notes from page Nos. 36 & 37 of the same attendance register and produced before the DSP. The DSP requested Sri Udaya Bhaskara Rao / Mediator to take over the tainted amount and to compare the same with the numbers mentioned in the Pre-trap proceedings. On verification of those notes, which are ten Rs.5001- in denomination notes total amounting Rs.5,000/- and found tallied with the numbers of currency notes mentioned in Mediators Report-I. As the numbers of the currency notes are tallied with the numbers of the currency notes mentioned in Mediators Report-I it is confirmed that the AO received the bribe amount from the complainant. The DSP seized the above tainted currency notes amounting Rs.5,000/- for the purpose of investigation.

The DSP secured the resultant solutions into three separate bottles, and the tainted currency notes. The DSP also seized a sample of sodium carbonate powder used in the chemical test under the cover of mediators report.

On the request of the DSP, ACB, the Government Servant produced the following records:

1. Original Application of Smt. T.Krishnaveni, Proprietor for Krishnaveni Seeds & Fertilizers, Pamarru:

On perusal of the original file, it is consisting of 20 sheets, the 1st sheet is the application of Smt. Krishna Veni addressed to Joint Director, Machilipatnam for Renewal of pesticide License. On the left side margin of the 1st sheet, K.Hepsyba Rani, Seed Fertilizer Inspector, Pamarru had recommended and submitted to the Asst. Director, Agriculture, Pamarru for renewal of pesticide license and signed with date 30/03/2017 , on the rear side of the sheet, Asst. Director of Agriculture (R), Pamarru, Krishna District (AO) had recommended and submitted the Renewal

Pesticide license file of Smt. T.Krishnaveni to the Joint Director of Agriculture, Machilipatnam with her signature dated 06-04-2017. Sheet No.2 is the duplicatelicense with Renewal PL No.22/13-14. On the centre of the sheet, signature of the JD Agriculture was found with date 20-12-216, Sheet No.3 on the top of the sheet Krishnaveni seeds & fertilizers, Pamarru was printed under the above heading amendment to PL No.22/13-14 dated Nil. -12-2016 was noted. On the right side of the sheet, signature of the JD with date 30/12/2016 is found. Sheet No.4 to 20 is enclosures to the application of Smt. T.Krishanveni for Renewal of pesticide License. The DSP seized the above for the purpose of Investigation duly attested by us and the DSP.

2. Xerox Application of Smt. T.Krishnaveni, Proprietor for Krishnaveni Seeds & Fertilizers, Pamarru: On perusal of the file it is the Xerox copy of the above original file. The DSP also seized the Xerox file for the purpose of investigation.

The DSP seized the above Registers/documents 1 to 2 for the purpose of further investigation after duly signed by the Mediators and the DSP.

Then the DSP called the complainant who is waiting at some distance away from the AD office and asked him to narrate what had happened. Soon he approached the AO/Government servant and giving signal to the ACB party. On that the complainant categorically stated that after he left the trap party he went into the office O/o ADA and he came to know AD went to pensioner's hall to attend a meeting with fertilizers dealers regarding Aadhar Enabled Fertilizers Distribution System(ADFDS) with the fertilizers dealers of Pamarru sub-division i.e., Pamarru & Gudlavalleru Mandals. Then he came out from the office of AD and informed the same to the DSP and on the instructions of DSP when he was waiting near the O/o AD. at about 5.20 PM or so the AD was coming out from Pensioners hall and he accompanied her to seat and requested about his work. On that, she asked whether he brought the demanded amount or not? When he replied affirmatively, she asked to pay the bribe amount. On that he took out the bribe amount from his left side shirt pocket and handed over the same to her. Then she received the bribe amount with her right hand and counted the same with her both hands and kept the same in an office register and kept the register in an Iron safe which was situated on her right side. Then took out his mother's license files from the office table drawer and recommended and submitted to the JD, Agriculture with favourable recommendations and handed over the Original and Xerox files to him and asked him to hand over the same in the office of JD, Agriculture, Machilipatnam to save the delay.

When the DSP confronted Government Servant with the version of the complainant the Government servant stated that in the presence of mediators that she has been working as Asst. Director of Agriculture, Pamarru since 28-11-2014. On 31-03-2017 she received the application of Jagadeesh Kumar who is running a fertilizers shop in his mother's name in the name and style of Krishna Veni Seeds & Fertilizers, Pamarru. On 03-04-2017 Sri Jagadeesh Kumar came to her and requested to forward her mother's pesticide renewal Licence File to Joint Director, Agricultural, Machilipatnam with favourable recommendations at an early date. She promised him that she would recommend his mother's license to JD with favourable recommendations. Again on 06-04-2017 at about 5.20 PM or so when she was coming out from the pensioners hall after attending a meeting with fertilizers dealers Sri Jagadeesh Kumar accompanied her to seat and requested to complete his work at the earliest. On that she took out his file from her office table drawer and recommended and submitted his mother's license file to the JD Agriculture, Machilipatnam and handed over the file along with another same Xerox file to him to submit to the Joint Director to save the delay. On that Sri Jagadeesh Kumar gave a wad of currency notes and asked her to accept the same as gratitude for completing the work speedily and went away. She received the same and counted with her both hands and found to be of Rs.5000/- and kept the same in her office attendance register and kept the attendance register in the Iron safe which was situated on her right side. Immediately within no time some persons rushed in to her office and one among them disclosed his identity as DSP, ACB and remaining are his staff and mediators. There after they conducted chemical test on her both hand fingers and asked about the money received from the complainant Sri Jagadeesh Kumar, then she took out the attendance register from the Iron safe and had taken out the money from page No.36 & 37 of the attendance register and gave it to one of the mediators, which is not convincing.

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The DSP examined the following witnesses who were present at the scene of offence at the time of trap and conducting post trap proceedings in the presence of the mediators and the mediators incorporated their statements in detail in the post trap proceedings.

The following witnesses are examined during the course of investigation.

Witness No-1: Sri Tammana Jagadeesh @ Tammana Jagadeesh Kumar, S/o Durga Vara Prasad, 33 years, R/o Chowdary peta, Pamarru, Krishna District.

To speak to the facts of his complaint dated 4.4.2017, demand and acceptance of bribe amount of Rs.5,000/- by the AO/Government servant, his participation in pre and post trap proceedings and to corroborate his statement given under section 161 & 164 C r. P. C. , etc., facts.

Witness No-2: Sri Royya Murali Krishna, S/o Mohan Rao, 30 Year, Jr. Asst., O/o A.D., Agriculture, R/o D.No.28/124, Circle Pet, Machilipatnm.

On examination, he stated that he is working as Junior Assist in the Office of Asst. Director of Agriculture, Pamarru since 22-08-2015. He looks after the office establishment files, Service registers, office accounts, pay bills, contingent bills, cash books and tappals etc. On 06-04-2017 at about 5 PM or so, one Sri Jagadeesh Kumar who is known to him came in to the office and enquired about the AD Smt. Sasi Bindu and he told that she went to pensioners hall to attend fertilizer dealers meeting. On that he went away from the office and after 20 minutes he came into office along with Smt. Sasi Bindu and chatted with her for some time and went away from the office with some files. As he was busy with his work, he did not observe the things that had happened between AD and Jagadeesh Kumar. Within no time some people rushed in to the office of AD stating that they are ACB officials and conducted some chemical tests on both hand fingers of Smt.Sasi Bindu, AD and office attendance register and seized an amount of Rs.5000/- from the possession of Smt. Sasi Bindu. Later he came to know that Smt. Sasi Bindu AD was caught red handed by the ACB officials when she demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs.5000/- from Sri T.Jagadeesh kumar to recommend and submit for Renewal of pesticide license file of Smt. T.Krishna Veni, Mother of Jagadeesh Kumar, to JD Agriculture, Machilipatnam and etc., facts.

Witness No-3: Smt. Kodali Narmada, W/o Srinivasa Rao 47 Years, Block Technology Manager (BTM), ATMA, O/o AD of Agriculture, Pamarru, R/o Flat No.64, Sri Lakshmi Residency, RR Garden, High School Road, Patamata, Vijayawada.

On examination, she stated that she is working as Block Technology Manager (BTM) since 17-02-2017. She goes for regular field visits, motivates the farmers, training of farmers with scientists and exposure visits to research station etc., That day i.e., on 06-04-2017 she attended the office at 10 AM. After that she attended the Pamarru sub-division dealers meeting in Senior citizen hall from 3.00 PM to 4.50 PM and came back to her seat and attending her routine work. At about 5 PM or so, one Sri Jagadeesh Kumar who is known to her came in to the office and enquired Jr. Asst. Murali about AD Smt. Sasi Bindu and he told that she went to pensioners hall to attend fertilizer dealers meeting. On that he went away from the office and after 20 minutes he came into office along with Smt. Sasi Bindu and chatted with her for some time and went away from the office with some files. As she was busy with her work, she did not observe the things that had happened between AD and Jagadeesh Kumar. Within no time some people rushed in to the office of AD stating that they are ACB official and conducted some chemical tests on both hand fingers of Smt. Sasi Bindu, AD and office attendance register and seized an amount of Rs.5000/- from the possession of Smt.Sasi Bindu. Later she came to know that Smt. Sasi Bindu, AD was caught red handed by the ACB officials when she demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs.5000/- from Sri T.Jagadeesh Kumar to recommend and submit for Renewal of pesticide license file of Smt. T.Krishna Veni, Mother of Jagadeesh Kumar, to JD Agriculture, Machilipatnam and etc., facts.

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Witness No-4: Kum. Medisetty Lakshmi, D/o VeeraBabu, 19 Years, Multi Purpose Extension officer (MPEO) O/o Mandal Agriculture Office, Pamarru, R/o Near Kapula Ramalayam, Avurupudi Village, Movva Mandal, Krishna District.

On examination, she stated that she is working as Multipurpose Extension officer, Mandal Agriculture office, Pamarru since 17-07-2017. She goes for Village visits, motivates the farmers, creating awareness to farmers on daily agricultural activities etc. She works under the control of Mandal Agricultural Officer and also attends her work in the room of Mandal Agriculture officer. That day, i.e., on 06-04-2017 she attended the office at 10 AM. After that she attended the Pamarru sub-division dealers meeting at Senior citizen hall from 3 PM to 4.50 PM. At about 5.15 PM or so she came into the office of AD to hand over the Pamarru sub-division dealers meeting register to Smt. K.Narmada, BTM, ATMA. At about 5.20 PM or so, Sri Jagadeesh Kumar came into the O/o ADA along with Smt.Sasi Bindu and chatted with her for some time and went away from the office with some files. She did not observe the things that had happened between AD and Jagadeesh Kumar. Within no time some people rushed in to the office of AD stating that they are ACB officials and conducted some chemical tests on hand fingers of Smt.Sasi Bindu, AD and office attendance register and seized an amount of Rs.5000/- from the possession of Smt.Sasi Bindu. Later she came to know that Smt. Sasi Bindu AD was caught red handed by the ACB official when she demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs.5000/- from Sri T.Jagadeesh Kumar to recommend and submit for Renewal of pesticide license file of Smt. T.Krishna Veni, Mother of Jagadeesh Kumar to JD Agriculture, Machilipatnam and etc., facts.

Witness No-5: Sri Upputuri Narasimha Rao S/o Rama Das, 55 Years, Joint Director of Agriculture Macilipatnarn R/o Balaramunipeta Machilipatnam

On examination, that he stated that Smt. Sasi Bindu, is working as Asst. Director of Agriculture, Pamarru since November, 2014 and looking after Pamarru Mandal & Gudlavalleru Mandal. The Asst. Director of Agriculture is registering authority of fertilizers in their jurisdiction and ADA is having powers of inspectors of pesticides in municipal area only. On perusal of the given file, the pesticide shop License of Krishnaveni Seeds & fertilizers, Pamarru is valid up to 31-12-2016 and grace period will be given up to 31-03-2017. Agriculture Officer had recommended the License of Krishnaveni Seeds & fertilizers shop on 30-03-2017. The ADA, Pamarru recommended and submitted the same on 06-04-2017. It seems that the file had been kept with the AD till 06-04-2017 though it was submitted to her on 31-03-2017 by the Mandal Agriculture Officer, the reasons for the delay is best known to her. As per the rule position, ADA has no powers to recommend and submit the pesticide License files to the Joint Director, Agriculture. The Mandal Agriculture Officers are competent authority to inspect the pesticide in rural areas and recommend the same with their remarks to the JD who is competent authority for issue renewal orders. Whereas in Krishna District, it is regular practice that the renewal applications are being forwarded to JD through ADA of their concerned. Later he came to know that Smt. Sasi Bindu AD was caught red handed by the ACB official when she demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs.5000/- from Sri T.Jagadeesh Kumar to recommend and submit for Renewal of pesticide license file of Smt.T.Krishnaveni, Mother of Jagadeesh Kumar to JD Agriculture, Machilipatnam and etc., facts.

Witness No-6: Smt. Kokkigadda Hepsyba Rani W/o N.Nageswara Rao, 44 Years, Mandal Agriculture Officer cum Seed, Fertilizer & pesticide Inspector, Pamarru Mandal, Krishna District R/o Door No.22-44-1, Gandhi Nagar, Pamarru.

On examination, she stated that she inspects all Seed, Fertilizer & pesticide shops in rural areas and make seed distribution in rural areas through seed out lets. Further she stated that as per the shown file Smt. T.Krishna.veni running pesticides shop in the name and style of Krishnaveni Seeds & fertilizers, Pamarru. On 30-03-2017 Smt. Krishnaveni submitted an application through her son T.Jagadeesh Kumar to her for renewal of license for pesticides. On that she recommended and submitted to the ADA, Pamarru for renewal of pesticide license on the same day, for necessary action. She did not know why the ADA kept the file with her till 06-04-2017 though the file was recommended and submitted to the ADA on 30-03-2017. When she was attending her work in her office room she

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heard some noise in the office room of ADA Smt. Sasi Bindu and she came into the office of ADA and later she came to know that Smt. Sasi Bindu AD was caught red handed by the ACB official when she demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs.5000/- from Sri T.Jagadeesh Kumar to recommend and submit for Renewal of pesticide license file of Smt. T.Krishna Veni mother of Jagadeesh Kumar to JD Agriculture, Machilipatnam and etc., facts

Witness No-7: Smt. Tammana Krishnaveni, W/o DurgaVara Prasad, 55 years, R/o Chowdary peta, Pamarru, Krishna District.

On examination, she stated that she is the license holder of M/s Krishna Veni Seeds & Fertilizers, Pamarru and her son jagadeesh is looking after the business transactions on behalf of her and her son applied for renewal of license to the said shop to the Joint Director, Agriculture, Machilipatnam through Agriculture Officer. Pamarru and the Agriculture Officer, Pamarru recommended and forwarded the license renewal file to Asst. Director of Agriculture, Pamarru. The Asst. Director demanded Rs. 5,000/- as bribe to forward the license renewal file to J.D, Agriculture Krishna. On that her son informed the same to her and approached ACB. Later, the Asst. Director of Agriculture, Pamarru Smt. Sasi Bindu was caught red-handed by the ACB etc., facts.

Hence the charge against the Government Servant that she demanded and accepted a bribe amount of Rs.5,000/- from the complainant for showing official favour is held substantiated.

Thus the Government servant, Jukunta Sasi Bindu W/o Munukoti Satyanarayana, 51 years, Asst. Director Of Agriculture (Regular), Pamarru, Kri'shna District by her above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government servant and brought down the prestiege of the Government and thereby contravened Rule 3(1)(& 3(2) of AP Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Thus, the Government servant Jukunta Sasi Bindu, W/o Munukoti Satyanarayana, 51 years, Asst. Director Of Agriculture (Regular), Pamarru. Krishna District rendered herself for regular departmental enquiry for major penalty under Rule 20 of A.P.Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. JUKUNTA SASI BINDU, FORMERLY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (R), PAMARRU, KRISHNA DISTRICT AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (FCO LAB), TADEPALLIGUDEM, WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT IS PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1) Copy of Complaint dt. 04.04.2017 given by the complainant

Sri Tammana Jagadeesh @ Tammana Jagadeesh Kumar S/o Durga Vara Prasad, 33 years, R/o Chowdarypeta, Pamarru, Krishna District

It reveals the facts of the demand of bribe amount of Rs.5,000/- by the AO for doing an official favour.

2) Copy of F.I.R. in Cr. No. 05/RCT-VKI/17 dt. 06.04.2017.

It reveals that a report was received from the complainant Sri Tammana Jagadeesh@Tammana Jagadeesh Kumar, S/o Durga Vara Prasad, 33 years, R/o Chowdarypeta, Pamarru, Krishna District about the demand of bribe and registration of the case against the A.O.

3) Copy of Mediators Report-:-

It reveals pre-trap happenings, dated 06.04.2017.

4) Copy of Mediators Report-II:-

It reveals post-trap happenings, dated 06.04.2017

5) Original Application of Smt. T.Krishnaveni, Proprietor for Krishnaveni Seeds & Fertilizers, Pamarru:

On perusal of the original file, it is consisting of 20 sheets:

6) Xerox Application of Smt. T.Krishnaveni, Proprietor for Krishnaveni Seeds & Fertilizers, Pamarru:

On perusal of the file it is the Xerox copy of the above original file. The DSP also seized the Xerox file for the purpose of investigation

7) Copy of Statement of the complainant Sri Tammana Jagadesh recorded U/s 164 Cr.P.C:

The statement of the complainant Sri Tammana Jagadesh, recorded u/s 164 Cr.PC by the Hon'blel Metropolitan Magistrate, for Railways on 03.05.2017.

8) Copy of rough sketch in Cr.No.5/RCT-VKI/2017, dt. .06.04.2017

Any other document to be filed at the time of enquiry.

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ANNEXURE – IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SMT. JUKUNTA SASI BINDU, FORMERLY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (R), PAMARRU, KRISHNA DISTRICT AND PRESENTLY WORKING AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE (FCO LAB), TADEPALLIGUDEM, WEST GODAVARI DISTRICT IS PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

ORAL EVIDENCE:

The following oral evidence is available on record.

L.W.1 Sri Tammana Jagadeesh @ Tammana Jaqadeesh Kumar, S/o Durga Vara Prasad, 33 years, R/o Chowdary peta, Pamarru, Krishna District.

To speak to the facts of his complaint dated 4.4.2017, demand and acceptance of bribe amount of Rs.5,000/- by the AC, his participation in pre and post trap proceedings and to corroborate his statement given under section 161 & 164 Cr.P.C., etc., facts.

L.W.2 Sri Royya Murali Krishna, S/o Mohan Rao, 30 Year, Jr. Asst O/o AD Agriculture, R/o D.No.28/124, Circle Pet, Machilipatnm.

To speak to the facts of his presence at the scene of offence on the date of trap and witnessing the chemical test conducted on the AO and recovery of the bribe amount from the AC etc. facts.

L.W.3 Smt. Kodali Narmada, W/o Srinivasa Rao, 47 Years, Block Technology Manager (BIM), ATMA O/o AD of Agriculture, Pamarru, R/o Flat No.64, Sri Lakshmi Residency, RR Garden, High School Road, Patamata, Vijayawada

To speak to the facts of her presence at the scene of offence on the date of trap and witnessing the chemical test conducted on the AO and recovery of the bribe amount from the AO etc facts.

L.W.4 Kum. Medisetty Lakshmi, D/o VeeraBabu, 19 Years, Multi-Purpose Extension officer (MPEO), O/o Mandal Agriculture Office, Pamarru, R/o Near Kapula Ramalayam, Avurupudi Village, Movva Mandal, Krishna District.

To speak to the facts of her presence at the scene of offence on the date of trap and witnessing the chemical test conducted on the AO and recovery of the bribe amount from the AO etc facts.

L.W.5 Sri Upputuri Narasimha Rao, S/o Rama Das, 55 Years, Joint Director of Agriculture, Macilipatnam.

To speak to the procedural aspects of processing the file relating to renewal of fertilizers shop license etc., facts.

L.W.6 Smt. Kokkiligadda Hepsyba Rani, W/o N.NageswaraRao, 44 Years, Mandal Agriculture officer cum Seed, Fertilizer & Pesticide Inspector, Pamarru Mandal, Krishna District.

To speak to the facts of her verification and handing over the file relating to the Complainant to the AO on 30.3.2017 etc., facts.

L.W.7 Smt. Tammana Krishnaveni, W/o Durga Vara Prasad, 55 years, R/o Chowdary peta, Pamarru Krishna District.

She speaks that she is the licence holder of M/s Krishna Veni Seeds & Fertilizers, Pamarru and her son jagadeesh is looking after the business transactions on behalf of her and her son applied for renewal of license to the said shop to the Joint Director, Agriculture, Machilipatnam through Agriculture officer, Pamarru and the Agriculture officer, Pamarru recommended and forwarded the license renewal file to Asst. Director of Agriculture, Pamarru, A.D. who demanded Rs. 5,000/- as bribe to forward the license renewal file to J.D Agriculture, Krishna. On that her son informed the same to her and approached ACB. Later Asst. Director of Agriculture, Pamarru Smt. Sasibindu was caught red-handed by the ACB etc., facts.

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L.W.8 Sri Machiraju Udaya Bhaskara Rao, S/o M.V.R.S.Sharma, 51 Years, Deputy Tahsidlar, EPIC, O/o Tahsildar, Penamaluru R/o 74-24-14/Q, Yarlagadda Apparao Street, Ashok Nagar, Vijayawada.

He is the 1st mediator and speaks about the contents of Mediators Report-I & II, Dated: 06-04-2017. (Mediator-I)

L.W.9 Sri Nadikuda Aravind, S/o Shankaraiah, 43 Years Sr. Asst., O/o Tahsildar, Penamaluru R/o 57-6-7/2, F-3, Sri Venkateswara Nilayam, Old Post office Road, Patamata, Vijayawada .

He is the 2nd mediator and speaks about the contents of Mediators Report-I & II. Dated: 06-04-2017. (Mediator-II)

L.W.10 Sri V.Gopala Krishna, Dy. Supdt. of Police, ACB, Eluru Range, I/c. Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada.

To speak to the facts of receipt of complaint from the complainant on 4-4-2017 and getting it verified, registration of F.I. R. on 6-4-2017, lying of trap, investigation and facts revealed during the course of his investigation etc., facts.

L.W.11 Sri B.Srinivas, Deputy Supdt. Of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Vijayawada Range, Vijayawada

To speak about his further investigation receiving orders from Government and filing Final Report for Closure orders of FIR etc fact

Any other witness to be mentioned at the time of enquiry.

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